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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A mostly transparent billiard ball particularly useful as a training cue ball is disclosed. The ball includes a weighted opaque object an inner core centered within a sufficiently transparent spherical outer covering that provides an optimum zone, visible to the player, at which he or she can aim the tip of a cue stick. This inner opaque zone is especially serviceable to restrict a player's aim when striking the ball off-center in order to effectively impart sidespin while limiting lateral deflection to the ball. The inner zone may also simply assist the player to determine the ball's exact center when striking the ball in order to accurately impart no sidespin. In either case, cueing technique is enhanced and the player practices with consistency. The centered opaque inner core may also provide provides enough mass to bring the training ball to within an acceptable weight range for casual and professional levels of play.